

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1195

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Allison Leigh Connell,
2010 Salutatorian of St. Mary's Episcopal
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Allison Leigh Connell is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2010 graduating class at St. Mary's Episcopal School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Allison Connell has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Allison has earned an exemplary 5.87 grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular activities and organizations, including the National Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society, the Cum Laude Society, the Tri-M Honor Society, and the National Latin Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, a talented and accomplished musician, Allison Connell participated in the All West Tennessee Orchestra and the All State Tennessee Orchestra, and was invited to attend the Tennessee Governor's School of the Arts; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of civic and community involvement, Ms. Connell has dedicated her time and energies to the local food bank, the Brooks Museum, the library bookstore, and Habitat for Humanity, and committed her many talents and abilities toward tutoring her fellow students; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, she stood as Treasurer and Vice President of the student body, served as Senior Editor, participated in the Youth Legislature, and was a valued member of cross-country and track teams; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Allison was chosen as an Academic All-Star, garnered the Rhodes College Book Award and the Dartmouth College Book Award, and gained recognition as a Presidential Scholar Finalist, a National Merit Finalist, and a National Merit Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Connell's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Allison's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Terry Connell and Shanshan Bau, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Allison Connell's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2010 St. Mary's Episcopal High School Salutatorian, Allison Leigh Connell, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.